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SUBJ: SWISS UN MEMBERSHIP

1. FRANCOIS NORDMAN, SECRETARY TO FEDERAL COUNCILOR GRABER (FONMIN), TOLD EMBOFF MAR 17 THAT GOVT WILL POSTPONE EFFORT TO OBTAIN PARLIAMENTARY AND VOTER APPROVAL TO JOIN UN. FEDERAL COUNCIL PLANS TO MAKE POLICY REPORT TO PARLIAMENT IN LATE 1977 PRESENTING ITS POSITION ON JOINING UN. NORDMAN SAID MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENT WOULD STATE THAT GOVT SUPPORTS SWISS UN MEMBERSHIP IN PRINCIPLE BECAUSE IT IS IN SWISS NATIONAL INTEREST TO JOIN, BUT RECOGNIZES THAT THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO SEEK VOTER APPROVAL IN REFERENDUM ON MEMBERSHIP. HE SAID THAT THE RESULTS OF MOST RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLL (35 PERCENT FOR MEMBERSHIP, 40 PERCENT OPPOSED, AND 25 PERCENT UNDECIDED) HAD PERSUADED FEDERAL COUNCIL NOT TO GO ANY FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

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2. NORDMAN SAID STATEMENT OF GOVT SUPPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENT WOULD IN ITSELF BE NEW POLICY. FEDERAL COUNCIL HOPES PARLIAMENT WILL APPROVE POSITION FAVORING MEMBERSHIP BUT POSTPONE REFERENDUM ON ISSUE. ALTHOUGH GOVT DOES WANT TO LEAD, IT RELUCTANT TAKE STRONG PUBLIC POSITION. THERE IS SWISS TRADITION THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL DOES NOT TAKE LEAD IN PUBLIC INFO PROGRAM ON SUCH

ISSUES. WHEN IT DOES, AS ON IDA (BERN 705 AND 76 BERN
2747), MANY SWISS VOTERS REACT UNFAVORABLY. ESPECIALLY
AFTER OPNIION POLL, GOVT HAS DECIDED TO LIMIT ITS ROLE
TO STIMULATING PUBLIC DEBATE AND TO RESPONDING TO REQUESTS
FOR INFO. DAVIS

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